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The Billings Area Health Sciences Information Consortium (BAHSIC) has received a \$108,030 grant from the National Library of Medicine to purchase the latest in computer and telefax equipment. With this advanced technology, libraries within the consortium will have the opportunity to quickly exchange and process information with a state and national network of information providers such as the Medicine DOCLINE. In addition, the new computers will allow BAHSIC libraries to run GRATEFUL MED and conduct onsite searches.

Made in Montana—Information. The Montana State University Library has recently compiled its Newspaper Index online. For eight years the library staff has been indexing the Bozeman Chronicle and Great Falls Tribune. This index, containing information of local, state, and regional content is now available for free to anyone who has access to a computer with a modem. To access CatLink, dial 994-2800 and select the menu option **BZMN/GTFLS NEWS INDEX**. Searchers can use keywords in headlines. CatLink also contains several other full-text databases, including some produced in Montana. For additional information, call Elaine Peterson, MSU Library, 994-5311.

Ann Drew has been named the new director of the Butte-Silver Bow Public Library. After Marilyn LeBlond resigned, Ann accepted the role of acting co-director.

The Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped conducts six statewide forums: The public forums provided patrons with an opportunity to meet the staff, become aware of services, and make recommendations. Public libraries in Miles City, Lewistown, Missoula, Kalispell, Libby, and Great Falls hosted the forums. During the spring of 1993, three additional public meetings will be conducted in Butte, Billings, and Bozeman.

The Geographic Information System (GIS), will be sponsoring a free public presentation on November 30, Butte, MT at the Copper King. The two-hour workshop, beginning at 7:00 p.m., will provide participants with an opportunity to learn about computerized mapping techniques and applications.

American 2000 Library Partnership: America 2000 is a community-based strategy to transform American education for learners of every age. The Department of Education will work with communities to promote the role of libraries in attaining the six national goals set forth by President Bush and a contingency of 50 governors. For more information about how you can become involved call the United States Department of Education 1-800-USA-LEARN.

Voluntary Certification: Librarians are reminded of the December 31, 1992 deadline for applying for certification by the Montana State Library Commission. Presently, librarians who have met the education/experience requirements can be certified for any level I-V without completing 40 hours in continuing education credits. However, effective January 1, 1993, that requirement will change, and anyone applying for certification will have to meet the appropriate education/experience criteria as well as accumulating 40 hours in continuing education credits.

LSCA Title VI Grant Applications Available: Library Literacy Grants are once again available. Application packages will be sent automatically to those libraries that applied last year. Other libraries may request an application by contacting: Library for Literacy Program, Library Programs, U.S. Department of Education, 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20208-5571.

Sheila Cates, Coordinator of Library Development, announces a change in Bob Cooper's work schedule. The modification will enable Library Development to more effectively serve the needs of the state's libraries. The new schedule is:

- Tuesday — Thursday 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
- Friday 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM

During these hours Bob will be available to provide consulting assistance for grant writing, LSCA (Titles I, II, III) projects, LaserCat, and other library-related technologies. Messages can be left at other times and calls will be returned according to the above schedule. Bob's telephone number is 444-5350.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November	27	State Holiday — Thanksgiving
	30	Center for the Book Steering Committee — Helena
	30	Geographic Information System Conference — Butte
December	1-2	Geographic Information System Conference (continues)
	2-3	State Library Commission meeting—Helena
	3	Cultural Advocacy meeting, Lewis & Clark Library—Helena
	3-6	Council of State Governments annual meeting — Des Moines, Iowa
	12-14	WLN Board meeting — Seattle, WA
	25	State Holiday — Christmas

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